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ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 NEA-10 ADP-00 IO-12 NSAE-00 NSCE-00

SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 PM-09 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSC-10

PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15 AID-20 DPW-01 OMB-01 RSR-01

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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3968

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL UDORN

USDEL JEC PARIS

USIA WASHDC

SECDEF

USDAO SAIGON

DIRNSA FT GG MEADE MD

CINCPAC

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DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI

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DODSPECREP BANGKOK

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CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

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354 TFW KORAT RTAFB  
56 SOW NKP  
432 TRW UDORN  
CDR JCRC NKP  
8 TFW UBON  
ARMA/ AIRA VTN LAOS  
ARMA/ AIRA SVKT LAOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3446

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA  
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - MAY 5

CINCPAC FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TRW, 56 SOW, 354 TFW AND 8  
TFW FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J2 AND PAO

WITH REDUCTION IN LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY, USEFULNESS OF LAO  
SITREP FOR CERTAIN ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE DIMINISHED; ADDRESSEES WHO  
WISH TO DISCONTINUE RECEIPT OF LAO SITREP OR TO RECEIVE WEEKLY  
SITREP IN PLACE DAILY REPORT SHOULD NOTIFY EMBASSY.

SUMMARY: MILITARY- GROUND ACTION IN LAOS 4 MAY WAS EXTREMELY LIGHT  
WITH TOTAL OF TWO MINOR INCIDENTS REPORTED, ONE IN MR- II AND SECOND  
IN MR III, WHERE ACTION CONTINUED IN AREA SOME THIRTY KILOMETERS  
SOUTHEAST OF THAKHEK. RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES. POLITICAL - CHARGE HAD  
EXTENDED DISCUSSION WITH LPF SPECIAL ADVISOR PHOUMI VONGVICHIT  
EVENING MAY 4. END SUMMARY

1. SECTION I - CEASEFIRE OBSERVANCE

A. MR I: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED 4 MAY. ACCORDING TO LATE  
REPORT, MINOR FIREFIGHT OCCURRED 3 MAY WHEN FRIENDS REOCCUPIED  
BAN KEUNG PHAK, VILLAGE 36 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF XIENG LONG ,  
WHICH HAD BEEN ABANDONED TO ENEMY 20 APRIL( NO CASUALTIES  
REPORTED).

B. MR II: ONE MINOR CLASH OCCURRED 4 MAY WHEN ESTIMATED 40 ENEMY  
ATTACKED FRIENDS AT PONG HAI, 38 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF LONG  
TIENG, FORCING DEFENDERS TO WITHDRAW TO SOUTHWEST ( TWO FRIENDS  
MIA). RLAF FLEW NO SORTIES.

C. MR III: ONE MINOR ATTACK BY ESTIMATED ENEMY PLATOON OCCURRED  
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4 MAY AGAINST FRIENDLY COMPANY 26 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF  
THAKHEK ( ONE FRIEND KIA, 4 WIA). RLAF FLEW NOR SORTIES.

D. MR'S IV AND V: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED 4 MAY.

E. COUNT OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS: RLG DEFMIN ANNOUNCED THREE ADDI-

TIONAL ENEMY CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, BRINGING TOTAL TO 451 AS OF  
MORNING 2 MAY. ( COMMENT: OUR COUNT OF GROUND CONTACTS INITIATED  
BY BOTH SIDES SHOWS 106 MAJOR AND 587 MINOR INCIDENTS THROUGH  
1 MAY. END COMMENT)

2. SECTION II - POLITICAL SITUATION

A. AT RECEPTION, EVENING MAY 4, CHARGE HAD 20- MINUTE CONVERSATION  
WITH LPF SPECIAL ADVISOR PHOUMI VONGVICHIT AND DISCUSSED: A)  
SEARCH FOR MIA' S ( PHOUMI SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED DEFINITE WORD  
FROM SAM NEUA); B) RLG/ LPF NEGOTIATIONS ( THERE APPEARED TO BE LITTLE  
NEW; PHOUMI REITERATED LPF POSITION THAT ALL POLITICAL AND  
MILITARY PROBLEMS SHOULD BE RESOLVED SIMULTANEOUSLY); AND C) ROLE  
OF SOUVANNA PHOUMA IN A LAO SETTLEMENT ( PHOUMI STATED THAT  
SOUVANNA WAS INDISPENSABLE TO LAO RECONCILIATION).  
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